

*Stated Meeting, March 16, 1883.*

Present, 16 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Letters of envoy and acknowledgment were read.

Donations for the Library were reported from the Societies at Moscow, Königsberg, St. Gall, Frankfurt, Wiesbaden, Bordeaux and Cherbourg; the Observatories at St. Petersburg, Cambridge, Mass., and Mt. Hamilton; the German Geological Society, Physical Society, and W. Franzen of Berlin; the Belgian Academy, Bureau of Statistics, and Bureau of the Interior; the Lyons Society of Agriculture and Musée Guimet; the Flora Batava; the Society of Geography, Antiquaries, Anthropology, and Geology of Paris; the *Revue de l'Histoire des Religions* and *Revue Politique*; the Royal Institute, Victoria Institute, Met. C. R. Society; Royal Geographical, Royal Asiatic, Geological and Zoological Societies; *London Nature*; Boston National History Society; "Science"; N. Y. Linnean Society; *Index Medicus*; *American Journal of Pharmacy*; H. C. Lewis; Public Building Commission, Phil.; U. S. Coast Survey, Bureau of Education, Interior Department, National Museum; Missouri Historical Society; Hamilton A. Hill, of Boston; P. P. Sharples (Copy of the *Monthly Mag.* for Jan. 1784); and Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr.

An Obituary notice of Dr. Krauth, was read by Dr. Muhlenberg. (See page 613.)

The death of the oldest member of the Society, Mr. Henry Seybert, at Philadelphia, March 3, aged 82, was announced by Mr. J. S. Price; and the President was requested to select a suitable person to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased.

Dr. Brinton read a paper entitled "On Mediæval Sermon Books and Stories," by Prof. T. F. Crane, of Cornell University. (See Vol. XXI, No. 114.)

Prof. Cope communicated a paper entitled "Fourth Contribution to the History of the Permian Formation of Texas." (See page 628.)

The action of the Curators was approved in regard to lending for scientific examination the Mexican flutes belonging to the Cabinet of the Society, deposited at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

Dr. Frazer took occasion from Dr. Brinton's remarks prefatory to the reading of Prof. Crane's paper, to express his views regarding the presumptive restriction of authors of papers from using already published matter in said papers. Mr. E. K. Price and Mr. Fraley explained the habitually liberal policy of the Society in respect of communications made for publication. Mr. Lesley expressed the hope that the broadly "philosophical" character of the Society would be maintained, and that the Proceedings would not become restricted to the narrow limits of Natural History or the Physical sciences, so called, but that the Society would encourage its members to communicate for publication their best mature thinking in whatever department of human knowledge they might engage.

Pending nominations Nos. 979, 981 to 984 were read, and the meeting was adjourned.

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*Stated Meeting, April 6, 1883.*

Present, 13 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Memberships accepted: G. Planté; J. B. Lawes.

Membership declined: Jos. May.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Royal Society of New South Wales (107-111); M. Edw. Dupont (111); Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada,